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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) less than 10 wt% water
- (ii) fatty acid,
- (iii) ~~from from~~ 15 to 70 wt% of a structuring agent selected from the group consisting of glycerine monostearate, glycol monostearate and a combination thereof, and
- (iv) from 2 to 15 wt % fatty acid neutralized by an inorganic base,
- (v) an optional emulsifying agent/surfactant, said emulsifying agent/surfactant consisting of cetyl alcohol,

wherein the fatty acid has a chainlength of from 14 to 22 carbon atoms, and

wherein the cosmetic composition is suitable for forming a skin cream or lotion on hydration when the composition is mixed with water at a temperature of from 0 to 35°C at a weight ratio of from 1:3 to 1:20.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2.5 to 8 wt%.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the structuring agent is glycerine monostearate.

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Claim 4 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 90 wt% based on the total amount of fatty acid and structuring agent.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon chainlength of the fatty acid is 16 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of structuring agent is from 15 to 75 wt% on total weight of the composition.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 80 wt% on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, which further comprises an ingredient selected from the group consisting of emulsifying agent, other structuring agent than glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate, emollient oils and waxes, humectants, functional ingredients, preservatives, antioxidants, chelating agents, perfume, colouring agent and a combination thereof.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): Method for the preparation of a composition according to claim 1, wherein an inorganic base, a fatty acid and a structuring agent selected from the group consisting of glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate and a combination thereof are mixed, heated to a temperature from 80 to 120 °C, cooled to a temperature below 40 °C and formed into a powder, tablet or amorphous mass.

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Claim 10 (Previously presented): A process of hydrating a composition according to claim 1 to form a skin cream or lotion, wherein the composition is mixed with an aqueous base at a temperature of below 80 °C.

Claim 11 (Original): A process according to claim 10, wherein the temperature of the aqueous base is from 0 to 35 °C.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A process according to claim 10, wherein the composition and the aqueous based are mixed together in a weight ratio of from 1:3 to 1:20.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the structuring agent is a mixture of glycerin monostearate and glycol monostearate.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the inorganic base is potassium hydroxide.

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Claim 16 (Currently amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and mixtures thereof; the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2.5 to 8 wt%; the structuring agent is a mixture of glycerin monostearate and glycol monostearate; and the inorganic base is potassium hydroxide.

Claim 17 (New): The method according to claim 10, wherein in the composition, the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and mixtures thereof; the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2.5 to 8 wt%; the structuring agent is a mixture of glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate; and the inorganic base is potassium hydroxide.

Claim 18 (New): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is in the form of a powder.